Philosophy Minor Programs

Creighton University Department of Philosophy

The Department of Philosophy sponsors three minor programs of study, which are described below. Students may declare a minor program at the following address: https://people.creighton.edu/~bjk79676/MinorDec/minorDec.php.

**Philosophy Minor (18 credits)**

**Program Description.** The study of philosophy involves both understanding how philosophers of the past have approached a variety of philosophical problems and understanding how a single set of related philosophical problems could be approached in a variety of different ways. Students study both the history and the problems of philosophy.

**Program Contact.** Dr. Amy Wendling, Chair of Philosophy

**B. A., Minor in Philosophy (18 credits)**

*ONE of the following philosophical ideas courses:*
- PHL 107  Critical & Historical Introduction to Philosophy
- PHL 110  Philosophical Ideas: Reality, Knowledge, and the Good Life
- PHL 111  Philosophical Ideas: Law
- PHL 112  Philosophical Ideas: Foundations of the Sciences
- PHL 113  Philosophical Ideas: Nature, Time, and God
- PHL 118  Philosophical Ideas: Wisdom

*ONE of the following history of philosophy courses:*
- PHL 332  World Philosophy
- PHL 351  Introduction to Chinese Philosophy
- PHL 367  American Philosophy
- PHL 370  History of Classical Greek Philosophy
- PHL 371  History of Hellenistic Philosophy
- PHL 372  History of Medieval Philosophy
- PHL 373  History of Modern Philosophy
- PHL 374  History of 19th-Century Philosophy

*ONE of the following problems of philosophy courses:*
- PHL 321  Epistemology
- PHL 331  Moral Philosophy
- PHL 334  Philosophy of the Natural Sciences
- PHL 342  Metaphysics
- PHL 358  Social and Political Philosophy
- PHL 422  Aesthetics
- PHL 424  Philosophy of Mind

3 additional hours of PHL courses numbered 300 or above, not on the history, problems, ultimate questions, or logic lists, and not cross-listed as SRP or Intersections; plus 6 additional hours of PHL courses numbered 300 or above, no more than 3 hours of which may be cross listed as SRP or Intersections.

**Applied Ethics Minor (18 credits)**

**Program Description.** An interdisciplinary program of studies designed to provide students with an understanding of applied ethics from two perspectives, philosophy and theology.

**Program Contacts.** Dr. Julia Fleming, Chair of Theology, and Dr. Amy Wendling, Chair of Philosophy

*ONE of the following Ethics courses are required:*
- PHL 250  Philosophical Foundations for Ethical Understanding
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PHL 270  Philosophical Ethics
PHL 271  Philosophical Ethics: Cortina Community
PHL 272  Philosophical Ethics: Poverty
PHL 275  Philosophical Ethics: Energy and Environment

TWO of the following Theology courses:
THL 534  Introduction to Liberation Theology
THL 563  Contemporary Moral Problems
THL 564  Catholic Sexual Ethics
THL 565  Catholic Social Teaching

TWO of the following moral philosophy courses are required:
PHL 331  Moral Philosophy
PHL 343  Ethics and the Professions
PHL 348  Philosophy of Feminism
PHL 354  Environmental Ethics
PHL 359  History of Ethics
PHL 368  Moral Psychology
PHL 453  Ethics and Public Policy
PHL 455  Health Care, Society, and Values

ONE additional course from the lists above or from the following is required:
JPS 588  Christian Ethics of War and Peace
SRP 409  Race and Gender Relations
SRP 457  Biomedical Ethics
THL 250  Theological Foundations for Ethical Understanding
THL 270  Theological Ethics

History & Philosophy of Science Minor (18 credits)

Program Description. This interdisciplinary minor introduces students to the key historical events in the emergence of science and to the philosophical debates about what counts as science, theories of scientific method, realism and anti-realism, and the role of values in science.

Program Contact. Dr. Amy Wendling, Chair of Philosophy

ONE of the following philosophical ideas courses are required:
PHL 107  Critical & Historical Introduction to Philosophy
PHL 110  Philosophical Ideas: Reality, Knowledge, and the Good Life
PHL 111  Philosophical Ideas: Law
PHL 112  Philosophical Ideas: Foundations of the Sciences
PHL 113  Philosophical Ideas: Nature, Time, and God
PHL 118  Philosophical Ideas: Wisdom

THREE of the following history of science courses are required:
BIO 141  Charles Darwin: Life and Impact
ECO 508  Development of Political Economy
HIS 335  The Scientific Revolution
HIS 431  Mathematical History, Philosophy and Ethics
PHY 147  Einstein and Modern Physics
PSY 424  History and Systems of Psychology
SOC 301  Social and Cultural Theory

TWO of the following philosophy of science courses are required:
PHL 333  Philosophy of the Human Sciences
PHL 334  Philosophy of the Natural Sciences
PHL 420  Science and Religion